

# **Aide Memoire**

## ***Regional Training on Resource Efficiency and Responsible Production 17-18 June 2010, Cairo, Egypt***

**United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
and  
National Cleaner Production Centre, Egypt**

## **1. Background**

UNEP's project on 'Promoting Sustainable Consumption and Production in Developing Countries for poverty alleviation' led to a number of products and guidelines including the development of the Responsible Production Handbook for Chemical Hazards Management in SMEs, the Toolbox for Analysing Sustainable Ventures in Developing Countries entitled 'Towards Triple Impact', and the Guidance Framework on SCP Indicators for Developing Countries.

Another project on 'Promoting Resource Efficiency in SMEs (PRE-SME) in Developing Countries has led to the production of a toolkit on promoting resource efficiency in SMEs. The Responsible Production Handbook has also provided a valuable input to the toolkit on 'Promoting Resource Efficiency in SMEs (PRE-SME) which is being developed in the broader context of the Global Programme on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production that is being implemented with the active participation of the Network of the National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs). This Regional Training on Resource Efficient and Responsible Production is being organized as part of scaling-up the dissemination and utilization of the above tools.

## **2. Objectives**

To present the recently developed tools on promoting resource efficient and responsible production and enable NCPCs and other technical service providers to use them as part of their technical support service tools.

## **3. Outputs and expected outcomes**

Besides the wider dissemination of the Responsible Production Handbook, the PRE-SMEs Toolkit and of the other tools to potential users, 25 experts from NCPCs and relevant national institutions and industry/business associations in the African region are expected to be trained on the basic principles and approaches of resource efficient and responsible production and on how to use the available toolkits on this subject. The expected outcome is more enhanced integration of resource efficiency and responsible production in the technical support service provided by the NCPCs and other technical support providing institutions which will ultimately result in concrete and measurable economic, environmental and social gains.

## **4. Programme**

*The programme will consist of a mix of plenary lectures, interactive discussions, and individual and/or group exercises on how to utilize the tools covering the following three areas.*

- *Day one: This will be fully dedicated for the Toolkit on Responsible Production and will be consisted of: Introduction and the basic principles and approaches of Responsible production, exercise on a case-study, feedback session on the exercise and a session on how to roll-out the Responsible Production Programme.*

- *Day two: the second day will consist of two sessions covering the following two topics.*
  - *Session 2: major part of the second day (4 hrs.) will be dedicated for the toolkit on Promoting Resource Efficiency in SMEs (PRE-SME) and will be consisted of: a lecture session on the basic structure and content of the toolkit, an individual/or group exercise on how to navigate and use the PRE-SME Toolkit and a session on how to develop a Resource Efficiency Improvement Plan for an industry supported by a case.*
  - *Session two: this will cover an introductory presentation of the guidelines on sustainable ventures and indicators with a specific presentation on how to develop Resource efficiency indicators.*

*The training workshop will be concluded with a general discussion on how to make the best use of the available toolkits with a particular focus on the promotion of Resource Efficient and Responsible Production in SMEs. All participants are highly encouraged to bring their own laptops to get the maximum benefit from the exercises.*

## **5. Participants**

UNEP is conducting this programme targeting technical institutes including NCPCs of the Joint UNIDO-UNEP Programme on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) in Developing and Transition Economies.

The Regional Training will seek the participation of high-level technical experts of the respective invited organizations (Directors and/or senior experts from NCPCs and from other related technical service providers).

## **6. Language**

The language of the workshop will be English

## **7. Enquiries and correspondence**

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